

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following replacement paragraph:

This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT application PCT/US03/36861, filed November 19, 2003, which claims ~~This application claims the~~ benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/427,518, filed on November 19, 2002. ~~The entire teachings of the above application are incorporated herein by reference, the~~ specifications of each of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.

Please insert the Abstract, appearing on the following page.